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**From:** O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov>  
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They are upset, especially because they have the trust set up as of last week to cover the financial responsibility requirements for the wells. I let them know that we had the tribal consultation and a discussion w/NRC that needed to be completed to finalize our response to comments and finalize our permitting decision. If the discussion went well with NRC, we thought 30 days after the NRC discussion was doable to finish up the documents, review and finalize. I did say that the wild card for us was consultation and we may have to make decisions at higher levels on whether to continue our efforts to consult with the tribe. They pressed more on what the discussions were with NRC, but we didn't get into any details. They did bring up the new MOU and asked if we thought this could result in big changes from the previous draft permit. I said if we were making major changes it would take significantly longer to complete our final decision and we would alert the company. They've asked if Douglas will follow up with them after the NRC meeting to let them know if we are on track to get the final decision completed in September. They also talked about the consultations issues NRC experienced with OST.

I didn't get a sense if Blake would escalate his dissatisfaction to you or HQs at this point.

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Let me know if you have questions.

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